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SUBJECT: UNESCO REQUEST FOR UNESCO CY 1976 VOTE TALLEYS:
THE 99, 100, AND 101 EXECUTIVE BOARDS

1. FOLLOWING TALLY COVERS "DECISIONS" TAKEN BY 99, 100, AND 101 EXECUTIVE BOARDS. "DECISIONS" INCLUDE ANY ACT THAT LED TO UNESCO'S ADOPTION OR EXCLUSION OF AN ITEM BEING CONSIDERED IN THE BOARD'S PLENARY SESSIONS. THE RANGE OF THESE ACTS OR DECISIONS INCLUDES "ENUMERATED" OR "RECORD" VOTES (E.G. 27-3-6), AND OTHER TERMS COMMONLY USED IN UNESCO'S VERBATIM RECORDS, INCLUDING TERMS "UNANIMOUS ADOPTION" (BY NON-RECORDED SHOW OF HANDS), AND THE CHAIRMAN'S SIMPLY SAYING THAT A PARTICULAR ITEM OR PARAGRAPH HAD BEEN "ADOPTED", OR "APPROVED", AFTER NOTING THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO OBJECTION FROM BOARD MEMBERS. ASIDE FROM THE "RECORD VOTE", AND IN MOST CASES OF "UNANIMOUS ADOPTION", THE CHAIRMAN HAS USED THESE OTHER TERMS INDISCRIMINATELY AND NO PRECISE DEFINITION CAN BE SQUEEZED FROM THEM.

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2. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECORD PRECISELY THE US POSITION ON ANY "RECORD" VOTE, AND BY DEFINITION IN THOSE "UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED". IN ALMOST ALL OTHER "DECISIONS" WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THE US POSITION FROM GOING BACK TO US DEL RECORDS AND POSITION PAPERS. JUST THE SAME, THERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY SOME MARGIN OF ERROR IN OUR FINAL RESULTS

CONCERNING TOTALS AND BREAKDOWN FOR PARA 4, A AND B.

3. AS IS SHOWN BELOW, THE US WAS WITH THE MAJORITY MOST OF THE TIME. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT ITEMS AS THEY CAME BEFORE PLENARY HAD ALREADY BEEN HAMMERED OUT TO MOST GOVERNMENTS' SATISFACTION, AND THE RESULT WAS A CONSENSUS WHICH WAS QUICKLY "ADOPTED" OR "APPROVED" IN PLENARY. ON ONE ITEM, DURING THE 100TH BOARD, FOR EXAMPLE, THE US REFUSED TO GIVE UP SOME CERTAIN LANGUAGE AND SUGGESTED, AFTER ALL ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT HAD FAILED, THAT A RECORD VOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN SO THAT THE US OPPOSITION COULD BE REGISTERED. RATHER THAN ACCEPT THIS REGISTRATION OF OPPOSITION, THE DELEGATES FINALLY ACCEPTED THE US LANGUAGE IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A CONSENSUS. THOUGH MOST CASES ARE NOT SO DRAMATIC, THIS GENERALLY REPRESENTS UNESCO'S MODUS OPERANDI. THIS HAS BEEN TRUE ESPECIALLY FOR UNESCO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE OVERWHELMING BULK OF UNESCO'S WORK, AND GENERALLY HAS FAVORED THE US POSITION. A PARTICULARLY GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE MULTITUDE OF CHANGES IN PORTIONS OF 19 C/4 WHICH THE US ACCOMPLISHED (AND WHICH WERE EAGERLY ACCEPTED) DURING THE PLENARY OF THE 99TH EXBD. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, THIS ONE OF WEIGHTY POLITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE US AND WEO'S, WAS THE PARA BY PARA ADOPTION OF THE DR CREATING THE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP (ITEM 6.2, DR-2) BY THE 100TH EXBD.

4. IN ORDER TO DELINEATE CLEARLY THE WORK OF THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXBDS, THE FOLLOWING TALLIES FOR 1976 INCLUDE A) ALL DECISIONS TAKEN ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS WHICH SHOWS ONLY FINAL PLENARY OUTPUT BY EXCLUDING PARA BY PARA VOTES; B) ALL DECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS INCLUDING PARA BY PARA VOTES (TO INDICATE THE "REAL WORK" OF THE BOARD AS FINALIZED IN PLENARY SESSION); AND C) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENUMERATED (RECORD) VOTES IN WHICH A COUNT WAS MADE AND RECORDED:

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A. ALL DECISIONS ON FINALIZED "ITEMS" EXCLUDING

PARA BY PARA VOTES:

TOTAL.....116

US WITH MAJORITY 94

US AGAINST MAJORITY..... 14

US ABSTAINED 8

B. ALL DECISIONS ON FINALIZED "ITEMS"

INCLUDING PARA BY PARA VOTES:

TOTAL.....233

US WITH MAJORITY187

US AGAINST MAJORITY..... 22

US ABSTAINED 24

C. TOTAL ENUMERATED (RECORD) VOTES:

TOTAL..... 53

US WITH MAJORITY 25

US AGAINST MAJORITY..... 5

US ABSTAINED 23

NOTE: OWING TO US POLICY TO MAINTAIN LOW KEY
APPROACH ON BUDGETARY ITEMS SINCE THE U.S. HAD NOT
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PAID ITS CONTRIBUTIONS, THE U.S. GENERALLY ABSTAINED
ON MOST OF THESE ITEMS.

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